(b) what are the various types of iron and steel materials being imported to our country; and

(c) what is the total amount of money spent for their import?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Simplification of procedure for import of iron and steel, if any, will form a part of the forthcoming Import and Export Policy/Procedure to be announced by the Ministry of Commerce.

(b) Imports consist mainly of flat products such as Hot Rolled and Cold Rolled Sheets, tin mill black plate and some long products such as bars and rods and structurals.

(c) The value of the imports vary from year to year. However, their value would be about Rs. 1000 crores in the current year.

Implementation of laws for beedi workers

3322. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the tardy implementation of laws relating to beedi workers by the State Governments, Welfare Commissioners and employers;

(b) what steps Government propose to take for effective implementation of these laws;

(c) whether Government propose to amend these laws; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by the beedi workers of U.P. and M.P. in getting house building loans; and

(e) what progress has been made so far in establishing a hospital for beedi workers at Gursahai Ganj under Beedi Workers Welfare Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The 36th Session of the Labour Ministers' Conference held in May, 1987 was divoted to the problems of the unorganised labour and the Conference recommended that the labour laws which most closely concerned the problems of unorganised labour should be implemented effectively.

The Employees Provident Fund Act was extended to Beedi Industry with effect from 1-6-1977. However, implementation was delayed because of cases filed by the Beedi manfacturers in the Supreme Court, and subsequently because of clarifications sought regarding the manner of implementation. The difficulties raised have since sorted out and the Employees Provident Fund authorities have initiated necessary action for Implementation of the Act in the Beedi Industry.

It is the continuous endeavour of the Central Government to increase the scope and coverage of the welfare activities for beedi workers. Accordingly, from time to time, new welfare schemes are introduced and the existing schemes are amended.

(c) The Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Amendment Bill, 1987 has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 3.12.1987. The Bill arms, *inter alia*, to enlarge the coverage of the Act to include workers in godowns and warehouses, and to make the penal Provisions more stringent.

(d) Yes, Sir. To overcome these difficulties, the "Build Your Own House Scheme" has been amended to provide for mortgage of the house-site and house to be built thereon, as an alternative to have employers' surety/guarntee.

(e) The Proposal has been approved in principle.

Adoption of ILO Compendium of 1978

3323. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to adopt and implement the ILO compendium of 1978 of Prinoiples and Good Practices relating to conditions of work and employment of professional works; and